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SUBJECT IREX PROGRAM - APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION

REF: RUECKERT - LETTELL TELCON JUNE 29, STATE 045893-C

1. DURING MAY 27 MEETING WITH LUETZKENDORF AND BETTIN OF MFA CULTURAL SECTION, LITTELL RAISED THE QUESTION OF APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IREX AGREEMENT. THEY EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE AGREEMENT WAS ALREADY APPROVED AND IN IMPLEMENTATION. WHEN LETTELL STATED THAT HIS INFORMATION INDICATED THIS WAS NOT THE CASE, THEY AGREED TO CHECK ON IT.

2. TODAY (MAY 30), DURING LITTELL MEETING WITH BETTIN, THE LATTER ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS "HAPPY TO REPORT" THAT THE INTERNAL GDR DISCUSSIONS ON THE PROGRAM WERE NOW CONCLUDED AND THE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM STRAUS IN CU AND KASSOF OF IREX THAT THE GDR WISHED TO PROCEED TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT. HE SAID THE DRAFT AGREEMENT WAS BEING RETURNED VIA POUCH WITH A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR MINOR CHANGES AND THE LIST OF GDR CANDIDATES. THUS, BOTH SIDES SHOULD BE READY TO MOVE BY JUNE 15 INSTEAD OF APRIL 30. HE EXPRESSED REGRET FOR THE DELAY, COMMENTING THAT SINCE THIS WAS A "NEW EXPERIENCE" FOR THE GDR, IT TOOK LONGER THAN ANTICIPATED TO CLEAR IT THROUGH THE REQUIRED CHANNELS.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GDR EMBASSY AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT, HE SAID THAT DR. DAMP OR FRAU ELMS WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH
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MR. STRAUS TO AGREE ON PROCEDURE. COOPER

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